

T-810  
John Moody House  
Copperville  
Private

c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: JOHN MOODY HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: T-~~209~~ 010

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common JOHN MOODY HOUSE

### 2. Location

street &amp; number East side of Copperville Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Copperville \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street &amp; number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD 21601

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. T-~~825~~ 813

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The John Moody house is located on a short dirt lane that intersects Copperville Road in the small village of Copperville, Talbot County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half frame house faces northwest with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built around 1900, this story-and-a-half, two-room plan frame house rests on a minimal brick foundation, and it is clad with a layer of asbestos shingles. The medium pitched roof is covered with a layer of asphalt shingles.

The northwest (main) elevation is an asymmetrical two-bay facade with a side entrance and a flanking six-over-six sash window. A shallow four-panel door fills the entrance. Fixed above the entrance is a small six-pane second floor window. The eave to the roof is extended and finished with a sloped soffit. Rising through the center of the house is an internal brick stove flue chimney.

The gable ends are pierced with six-over-six sash windows, and the roof has slightly extended eave.

The rear (southeast) elevation is marked by a four-panel door and an adjacent six-over-six sash window.

The interior was not seen.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. T-~~804~~ 816

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

## Specific dates

## Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. T-~~888~~ 810

## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreage of nominated property** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quadrangle name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quadrangle scale** \_\_\_\_\_

**UTM References** do NOT complete UTM references

**A**

Zone Easting Northing

**B**

Diagram B shows three empty coordinate axes. The first axis is labeled 'Zone' and has two tick marks. The second axis is labeled 'Easting' and has four tick marks. The third axis is labeled 'Northing' and has four tick marks.

**C**

D

E 

F 

**G** 

H | | | | | | | | | |

### Verbal boundary description and justification

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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### 11. Form Prepared By

<b>name/title</b>	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian
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<b>organization</b>	Private Consultant/Talbot County	<b>date</b>	6/23/90
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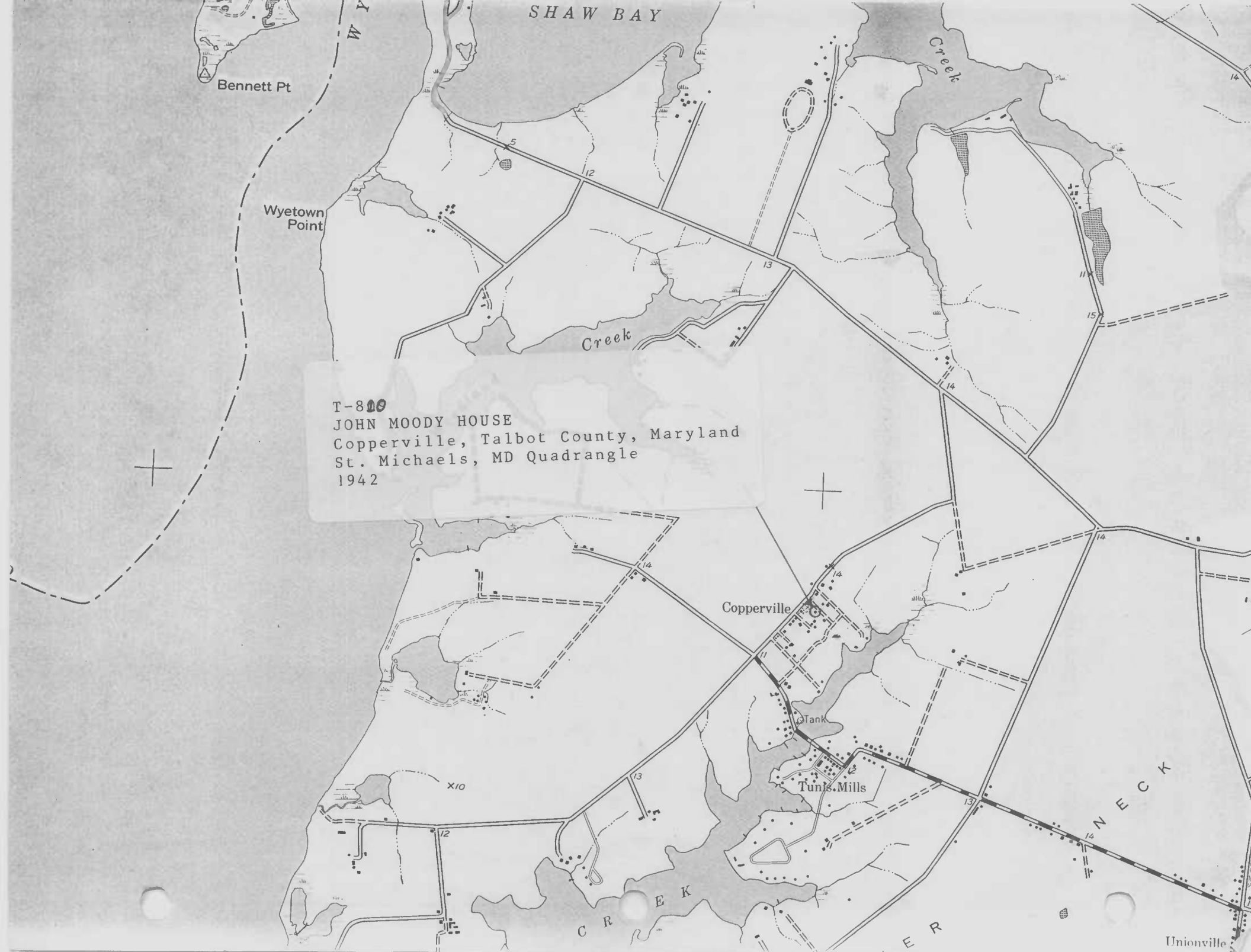
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<b>city or town</b>	Westover	<b>state</b>	Md	21871
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Bennett Pt

Wyetown  
Point

Creek

Creek

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JOHN MOODY HOUSE

Copperville, Talbot County, Maryland

St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle

1942

Copperville

Tank

Tun's Mills

C R E E K

N E C K

Unionville





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JOHN MOODY HOUSE

Copperville, Talbot Co., Maryland

Northwest elevation

6/90, Paul Touart, photographer

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